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FROM
THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DR. THOMAS F. FITZGERALD

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On March 14th the CSNA hosted their 24th consecutive Educational Symposium at Days Inn in Fullerton. With over 100 in attendance (including nine juniors), all seemed to agree it was a fine program even though several changes were necessary. First, new federal policies made it impossible for John Martino, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, to travel to the west coast. Instead, Carol Marshall, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint substituted and was superb. David W. Lange from San Francisco and Al Baber presented most interesting programs and when Mike Little failed to show up as promised, your President, Tom Fitzgerald gave a talk concerning the changes taking place in the former Soviet Union and the implications for numismatists. See my article appearing in this issue of Calcoin News. On March 13, 1993, the 25th CSNA Educational Symposium is scheduled. Plans are being made to make this a very special event, why not mark your calendar now?

We are still without a 1992 Northern Convention. Vice President Steve Huston along with the Northern Directors have been working to schedule such an event but it most likely will take place in 1993.

The 1993 NFL Super Bowl will be played in the Pasadena Rose Bowl at the end of January. Because of this conflict, the Pasadena Center will not be available for the annual Golden State Coin Show (the Southern CSNA Convention). After careful consideration of all dates that are open at the Pasadena Convention Center, the 4th Golden State Coin Show has been calendared for June 25-27, 1993. Please note, the date is for the 1993 show, over a year from now.

The CSNA received a "Proclamation" from California Governor Pete Wilson honoring our leadership for this year's National Coin Week. A copy is printed in this Calcoin News. I hope you all participated. The Covina Coin Club set up a special display at the Bank of America in Covina exhibiting coins and currency from the ancient mints to our most recent commemorative pieces. Marie Menegatti put the display together and club members were present throughout the week to answer questions and promote the numismatic hobby. **REMEMBER — PLEASE SEND A REPORT OF YOUR ACTIVITY BY THE END OF MAY.** We want to highlight your club's participation in Calcoin News. Please send the report to me at P.O. Box 4144, Covina, CA 91724.

We will hold an officer/board of director's meeting on the Saturday of the June Long Beach Show (June 6th - 9:00 a.m.). You are all invited.

Do you know anyone that would like information about membership in the CSNA? Just contact me.



Editorially

VIRGINIA M. HALL
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Are you a LIFE MEMBER of CSNA? A life member is, perhaps, the best bargain in numismatics. This is something to consider, and who doesn't want to save money these days?

You will always have your dues paid, never having to remember whether or not "Have I paid my dues this year?" Also, you save on checks, envelopes, postage and time. The club will also appreciate not having to mail notices and handle the extra bookkeeping.

There is always the possibility of an increase in postage or dues. Over the years, a life membership will give you a good return for your investment. After the first years have covered your initial payment, each year from then on can be considered as a "freebie."

Collecting is essentially a sparetime activity where we invest in ourselves, filling our leisure moments with learning about the past, present and what is to come in the future. A life membership will give you uninterrupted service from CSNA. Don't waste another minute, get your life membership at once.

Your regular membership number can be exchanged for the LM- number. If you are interested, contact either Awanda Ayers, Corresponding Secretary at 2345 S. San Antonio Ave., Pomona, Ca. 91766 or write me at P.O. Box 499, Colton, Ca. 92324.

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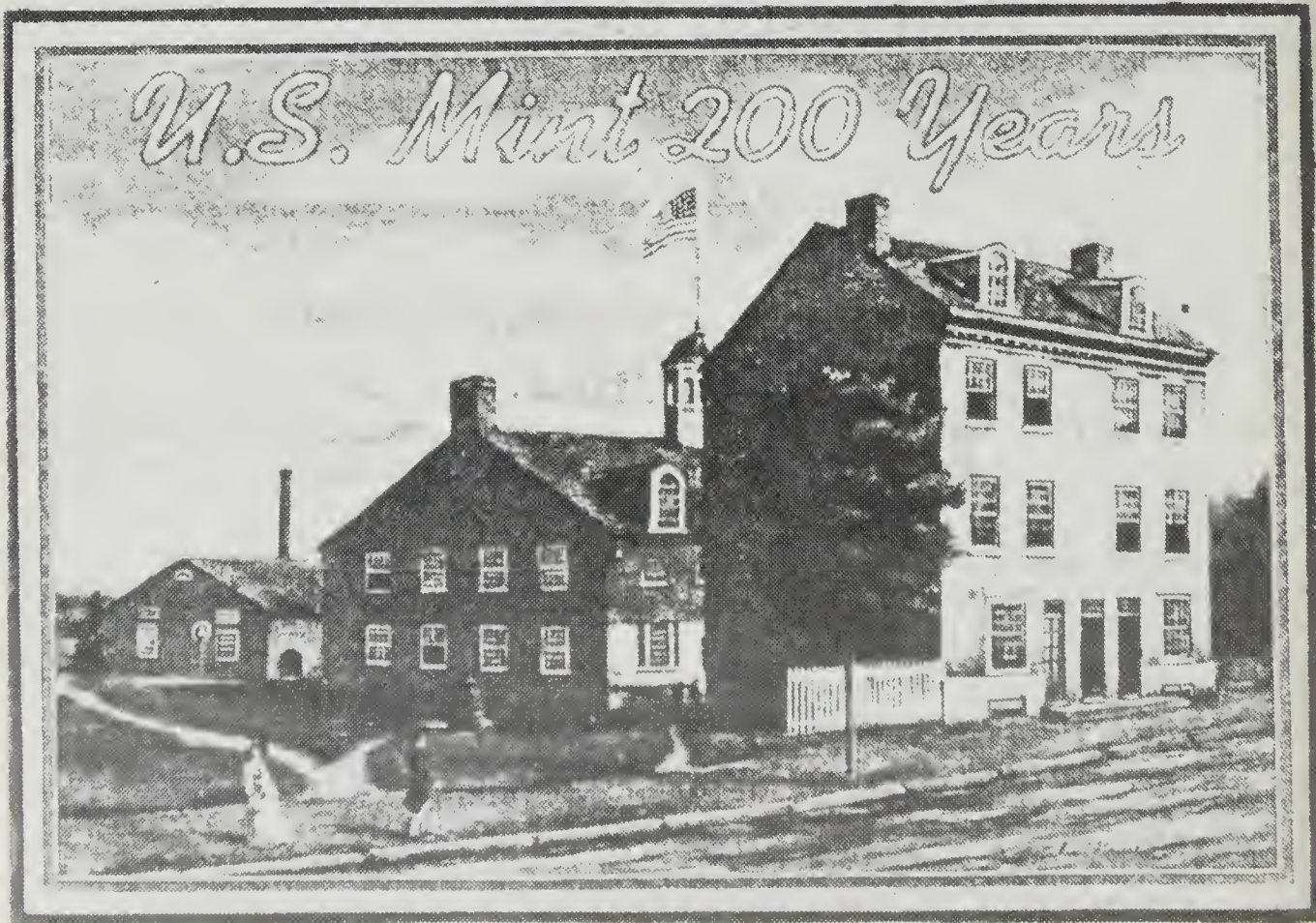
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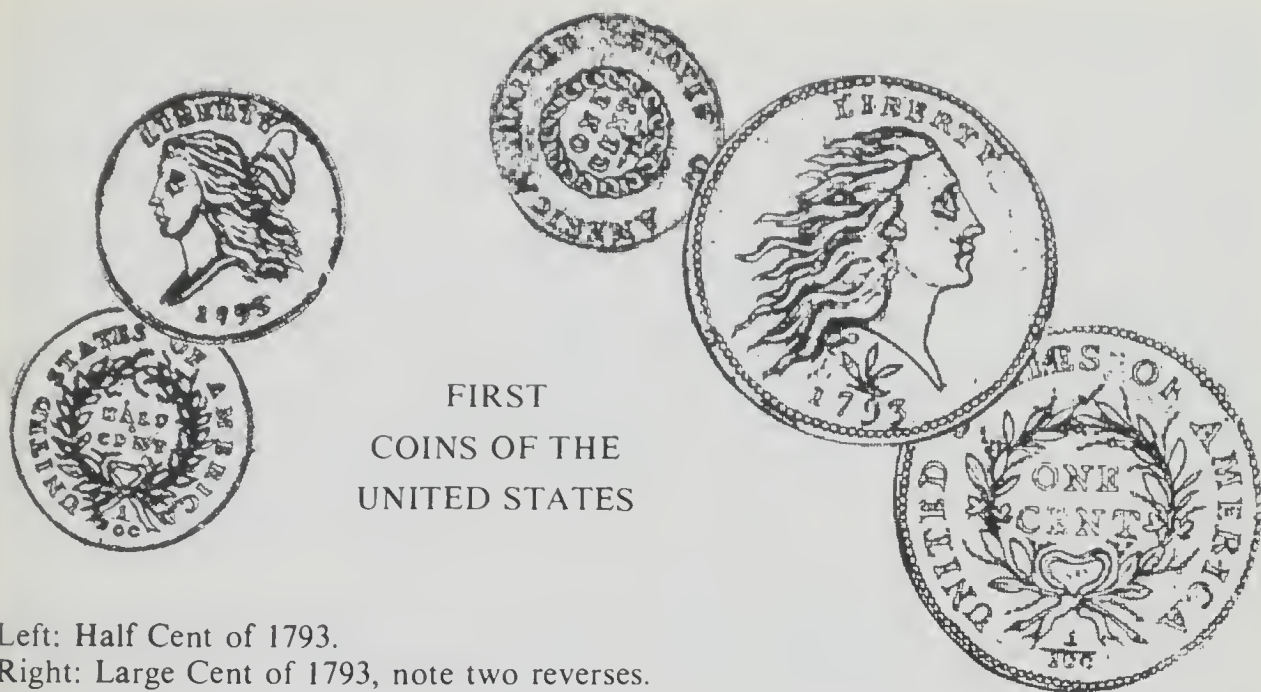
A HISTORICAL LOOK AT THE U.S. MINT IN PHILADELPHIA

By John T. Martino
Superintendent Philadelphia Mint

As you know, April 2nd this year marks the Bicentennial of the United States Mint, since on that date in 1792, Congress enacted legislation to establish a Mint and a system of coinage for the young nation. Later that year, the first Mint building was constructed in Philadelphia — the very first public building authorized by the fledgling Federal Government. And for more than 40 years thereafter, the phrase “U.S. Mint” meant only one place — Philadelphia, until 1838 the Nation’s only coining facility. Even today, although the 4 currently operating mints are officially considered to be equal in status, many people still think of Philadelphia as the “main” Mint or “Mother Mint,” a status which it did have in the distant past.

The Mint Act of 1792 provided for a Mint “to be situated and carried on at the Seat of Government of the United States for the time being.” That phrasing was used because, at that time, the “Seat of Government” was temporarily in the City of Philadelphia, so designated by Congress for a period of 10 years (1790-1800), at the end of which the “Seat of Government” would be permanently established in the new Federal City of Washington, D.C. It was envisioned that the Mint, along with all other Federal agencies and departments, would move to the new capital in the year 1800. But meanwhile, the Mint needed adequate quarters in which to carry on its business of receiving and processing metal and manufacturing coins. It was first thought that merely renting a suitable building would suffice for a temporary Mint, but the first Director of the Mint — Scientist/Philosopher and politician, David Rittenhouse, suggested buying a building, and soon President Washington decided that a new building should be constructed, despite its assumed temporary status. The new building, located near 7th and Arch Streets, was actually a double structure of brick, with a 3-story front section housing Mint offices, and the rear section housing the “workshops” or Mint proper. All the machinery was powered by oxen, horses, and human manual labor. The coin presses were simple screw-type devices which produced our first coins in a very slow and laborious manner. The original 1792 screw press is on display at the Philadelphia Mint and a replica of the same press is on display at the Old Mint Museum.





FIRST COINS OF THE UNITED STATES

Left: Half Cent of 1793.

Right: Large Cent of 1793, note two reverses.

The first coins struck at the U.S. Mint, late in 1792, were half dismes (dimes), made from silver that was supplied — according to legend — from President Washington’s own household silver service. These half dismes and a few other denominations dated 1792 were minted in very small numbers on an experimental basis. It was in the following year, 1793, that coins were first produced for circulation, beginning with copper cents and half cents that year, silver coins starting in 1794, and finally the first gold coins in 1795.

In 1800, it was time for the Federal Government to pack up and move to the new capital in Washington. But, as we know, the Mint never did move. In his Annual Report to the President, (to whom the Mint was directly responsible at that time) dated January 3, 1800, the Director of the Mint, Elias Boudinot, called attention to the Act of Congress, establishing the temporary and permanent capitals of the United States, which stated that “all officers attached to the Seat of Government shall be removed to the permanent Seat of Government on December 1, 1800.” The Director questioned whether the Department of the Mint, as it was then known, was subject to that requirement, and he expressed concern that “removal” of the Mint to the new capital would seriously hinder the work of the Mint, which was “supported by the bullion passing through the different banks” in Philadelphia, without which it “would frequently be without the means of coinage.” The Director asked President Adams to raise the matter with congress, so they could decide whether or not the Mint should move. Apparently, Congress had a difficult time making this important decision because, over the next 28 years, they periodically extended the authority of the Mint to remain in Philadelphia on a temporary (short-term) basis, until, finally, on March 19, 1828, they passed legislation directing that the Mint was to remain permanently in Philadelphia . . . and it’s been there ever since, a living remnant of that city’s one time status as the Capital of the United States. The decision to keep the Mint in Philadelphia also resulted in the odd fact that Washington, D.C. . . . our Nation’s capital for the past 192 years . . . has never been the site for a Mint!

Once the decision was made to keep the Mint in Philadelphia, the way was clear to improve the facilities. By the 1820’s, the capabilities of the first Mint were proving inadequate as it tried to provide sufficient coinage for the growing nation; lack of space in the little building was a major problem. So Congress authorized a new building in March, 1829, the cornerstone was ceremonially laid on July 4, 1829, and the New Mint was ready for business by May, 1833. The second Mint building was located some distance from the first, somewhat removed from the business district, on the corner of Chestnut and Juniper Streets. Reflecting the growth of the Nation, it was much more imposing than the humble structure it replaced. Popular interest suggested that the Mint should be something more than just a workshop, and the architect, following the classic style already adopted by the Federal Government,

designed a white marble Greek Ionic-style building. It still “holds the record” for the longest period of continuous active service of any Mint coining facility, a period of more than 68 years.

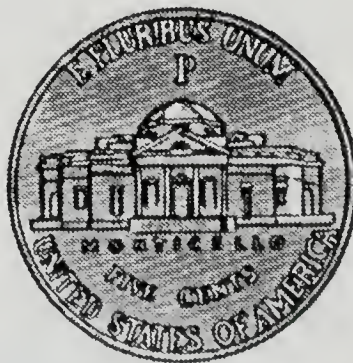
The technology of coin making took a huge jump in 1836 with the introduction of the first steam-powered coinage presses at the Mint, replacing machinery that had been powered by animals and human beings.

Of interest to Numismatists is the fairly certain fact that the famous 1804 Silver Dollars were struck not at the First Mint in 1804, but rather at the Second Mint, in the 1830’s and 1850’s. (We’re a lot more careful about destroying old dies nowadays!)

While the Second Mint in Philadelphia was still fairly new, in 1838 it was joined in the work of coining the Nation’s money, by the first Branch Mints (as they were then known) — in Charlotte, North Carolina; Dahlonega, Georgia; and New Orleans, Louisiana . . . facilities which were set up to supply coinage to the expanding population and to process the gold coming from the mines of the Southeast. By the time the Second Philadelphia Mint was retained in 1901, it had been joined by San Francisco, and Denver (although no coining took place there until 1906) and Carson City had come and gone.

The establishment of the first branch mints led to the adoption of identifying letters known as mint marks to be placed on coinage, which made it possible to determine at which U.S. Mint facility a particular coin had been struck. Since only the branch mints were to employ mint marks, coins from Philadelphia would be readily identifiable by the absence of a mint mark.

The Coinage Act of 1873 reorganized the Mint system, establishing it as a Bureau within the Treasury Department, and putting all Mint facilities on an equal basis under the Director of the Mint. Thus, Philadelphia lost its special status as the “main” Mint, but continued the practice of using no mint mark. And, with the exception of the wartime silver alloy five-cent piece (1942-1945), this custom continued right up until 1979, when the unfamiliar “P” mint mark was first placed on the dollar coin, and on the remaining denominations in 1980 — except for the one-cent piece, which still carries on the tradition of no mint mark for Philadelphia, as it has since 1792.



FIVE CENTS (JEFFERSON HEAD), 1942-1945

By the 1890’s it became apparent that the Mint of 1833 was inadequate to meet the ever-growing demand for coinage, as the country continued to expand, and the economy along with it. The spacious courtyard of the Mint building had to be utilized to house additional machinery. A much larger facility was needed. And so, at the turn of the century, a grand new structure was built on Spring Garden Street, between 16th and 17th Streets, occupying an entire city block. It was a massive granite edifice, designed in Roman Ionic Style, appropriate to the Government, serving as a treasurehouse, workshop, and factory which could handle a very large volume of coinage. No pains were spared to provide the most up-to-date machinery and to adopt the most effective methods in use anywhere. In fact, Mint personnel traveled to Europe to visit the mints of Great Britain, Germany and France, to see if we could adopt any of their practices.

The floor space of the Third Mint was double that of the second. Well planned courtyards enabled the receipt and delivery of bullion and coin in complete isolation from the street. The most important innovations were the use of natural gas for all melting and annealing processes, the use of electric power, and improved coinage strip rolling machinery which eliminated the need for adjusting silver coin blanks.

The aesthetic highlight of the Spring Garden Street Mint was its grand lobby. Vaulted ceilings reflected the light from glass mosaics consisting of seven panels of Tiffany favrile glass. These panels prepared under the personal direction of the world-renowned artist, Louis C. Tiffany, and designed by William B. Van Ingen, illustrated the ancient Roman methods and processes of coinage, and were one of the most beautiful and expensive features of the building. Commissioned at a cost of \$40,000, they were appraised in 1971 at \$420,000! Another feature of the building was the ornate Coin Cabinet room which housed the National Coin Collection in marble splendor before the collection was moved to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

By the 1960's, the Spring Garden Street Mint, grand as it was, had become outmoded and was too small for the needs of the Mint. It was time to make yet another move. A new, modern minting plant was constructed just a few hundred yards from the site of the first Mint, at 5th Street and Independence Mall. This Fourth Mint is three times of the previous one, covering about 3 city blocks, and containing over 500,000 square feet of space, making it the largest mint facility in the world. The architectural style of the building is very modern, in contrast to its predecessors, with a facade of pink granite and windows of bronze tinted glass. The new mint officially opened on August 14, 1969.

The present mint has an annual production capacity of 13.5 billion coins (on a 24-hour day, 7 day week basis per year)! Back in the 1790's at the first mint, it took eight hours to reach a total production figure of one million coins; now the capability is about one million coins in twenty minutes!

Although no longer officially the "main" Mint, Philadelphia remains the only facility with an Engraving Division and Die Manufacturing Division. The Chief Sculptor-Engraver holds a unique position, the only one of its kind in the country, having total responsibility for the staff which oversees all the master coinage dies, official insignia, and medal dies used by the Mint or manufactured for other government agencies. The Chief Engraver creates original designs and sketches, together with the staff of artists, and sculpts plastiline and plaster models as needed for circulating and commemorative coins, bullion coins, medals, insignia, and special awards. The Die Manufacturing Division of the Philadelphia Mint produces all working dies used at all four coining facilities, for all coins and medals.

The current Mint welcomes visitors. Designed into the building is a 600 foot glass-enclosed observation gallery, enabling visitors to view the coinage operation and some of the medal manufacturing processes. From the safety of the observation gallery, one can see coin presses and other machinery used in the process of manufacturing coins and medals. A multi-level floor space, which includes the immense granite-walled lobby of the Mint, is filled with eye-catching displays that afford a colorful panorama or permanent and rotating exhibits presenting the Mint story in capsule form. Mint artifacts on display include a 1792 screw-type coin press, one of the first used by the Mint. Also on view are the original Mint deed, early tools and hardware, and a block and gavel fashioned of wood from the first U.S. Mint. Guided tours of the Mint are offered, as well as an audio-visual self-guided walking tour.

As for the fate of the three previous Philadelphia Mint facilities, unfortunately, from the standpoint of historic preservation, both the First and Second Mints were demolished. A portion of the First Mint building remained standing well into the 20th Century under private ownership. But finally, because it was felt to have little commercial value, the structure was demolished, despite the valiant efforts of preservationists. The same fate befell the once grand Second Mint after it had ceased to function and was sold by the government. Fortunately the Third Mint, the "Grand Old Lady of Spring Garden Street," has shown that there can be life after government service. The palatial building was transferred to the Philadelphia Community College in 1971, to become the nucleus of a new community college campus. The building's interior was extensively altered and modified to adapt it for educational purposes. But one of its most beautiful and treasured features is still preserved by

the U.S. Mint. The seven exquisite mosaic panels of Tiffany glass, which were in the marble lobby, were carefully removed from the wall and given a thorough cleaning to restore the original shimmering hues. They were then remounted in the vast lobby of the New Mint on Independence Mall, where their spectacular beauty is enjoyed by thousands of visitors and Mint personnel, alike.



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Through the Numismatic Glass

THE SECOND RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF THE 20TH CENTURY

What are the implications for Coin and Currency Collectors?

Breakaway Belt

The three Baltic republics are on the
brink of independence from Moscow.



The headlines of the February 24, 1992 issue of the Tribune announced: "*Hard-liners, police clash in Moscow.*" The article further stated:

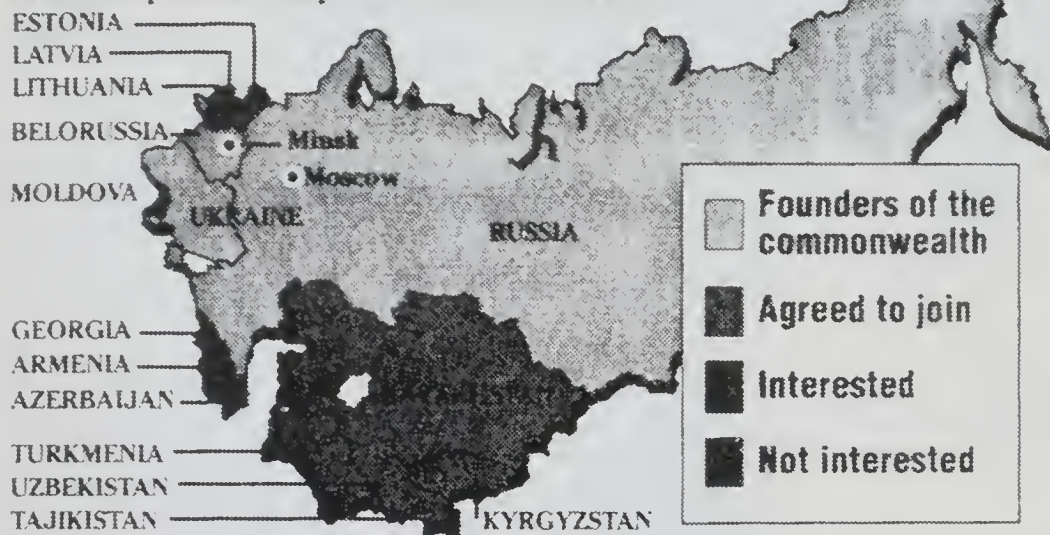
At one point, angry demonstrators pelted police with thousands of nearly worthless kopeck coins to protest hardship they blame on Russian leader Boris N. Yeltsin's economic reforms. Children scurried to pick up the coins under the feet of police.

Never in ones wildest dreams, did any of us believe we would see such headlines; at least not during our life times. One can only be astounded at the rapid pace of events in Germany, the Eastern Block and the Soviet Union itself over the past several years. In fact, by the time you read this article, some of the information may be outdated and/or new headlines and occurrences may have changed everything! What happened in the Soviet Union?

At first it was Lithuania, then Georgia and in three days in August, the Baltic States. Throughout the summer of 1991, Estonia, Latvia and the Ukraine moved toward independence from the Soviet Union. By the 27th of August, all three had declared their independence having done so during the attempted and failed Coup.

WHAT IN COMMON?

The new marriage of Slavic and Central Asian republics may be rife with tensions.



Meanwhile, Mikhail Gorbachev proposed a Confederation of the former Soviet States; one that would leave the Red Army and some 27,000 nuclear warheads in the hands of a Central Government. Yet the Coup gave rise to another strong-man, Boris Yeltsin. This head of the Russian Republic proposed a commonwealth. When the Ukrainians refused to join Gorbachev's plan for a confederation and turned instead to the Commonwealth and an understanding with Russia, the die was cast. On December 8, 1991, the Republics of Belarus (Byelorussia), Russia and the Ukraine joined together to form a Commonwealth. President Gorbachev resigned Christmas Day and the Soviet Union officially dissolved itself on December 26, 1991 and agreed to disband by January 1, 1992. Most of the former Soviet Republics signed the Commonwealth treaty designed to preserve a common army, enhance trade among the members and, in some cases, continue a single currency system. The headquarters of the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) would be in Minsk, now changed to Mensk. Eleven of the twelve remaining former Soviet Republics (The three Baltic States, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had declared their independence) endorsed the CIS. Only Georgia stood alone, being refused admission so long as civil war there continues.

COMMON CURRENCY SYSTEM

The "ruble" remains, at least temporarily, the common currency in the absence of alternatives. The Russian government of Boris Yeltsin took over the mints at St. Petersburg (Leningrad) and in Moscow. His government was able to gain control of virtually all former Soviet Institutions including the Soviet Union's space program and the Kremlin. One wonders about the question of the inventories of Soviet Union Gold, the hard currency reserves of the former Union and the National Debt.

In October, 1991 a new variety of the existing 5-ruble note appeared in circulation. The notes carried a change in the text on each side, a change in serial numbrs from red to black and a change in the year from 1961 to 1991. In addition, the watermark was changed from small stars throughtout the paper to waved lines and large stars. According to Dr. Valeriy Khorshev in Moscow, the new 5-ruble note text translates to "Bank notes guaranteed by gold, precious metals and other assets of the State Bank." Khorshev reports changes in the 1 and 25-ruble notes now dated 1991 and anticipates new varieties in all other circulating denominations.



NEW INFLATIONARY denomination 500-ruble Soviet note was recently issued by Russia as the purchasing power of the domestic notes continues to diminish.

COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT States is proclaimed on a new 1991 200-ruble note recently printed in Russia for the countries which formerly formed the Soviet Union.



By the middle of February, 1992 Russia released inflationary 200 ruble and 500 ruble notes for the first time reflecting the political turbulence in the various republics of the former Soviet Union. The notes contain icons of Russia's communist past. The breakup of the former union may be noted as the only language appearing on the notes is Russian. The new 500 ruble note shows the traditional style of notes of the former Soviet affiliation. It features the abbreviation "CCPP" representing the name of the Soviet Union and carries a vignette of Vladimir Lenin with space for a watermark of a hammer and sickle to the right. The note carries the issue date of 1991.

The 1991 dated 200 ruble note is similar in appearance but has a smaller "CCPP." The legend translates, "Commonwealth of Independent States." The 500-ruble note was worth about \$3 on January 24th, down from an exchange value of \$60 about six months earlier. Inflationary pressures would drive smaller denominations from circulation in favor of ever-increasing higher denominations.

On February 19th it was reported that Vladimir Lenin's effigy would be removed from the currency. Georgy Matyukhin, chairman of the Central Bank, told Russian television viewers that notes bearing Lenin's profile would be withdrawn from circulation as they wear out and are replaced. The bank wasn't sure whose picture would appear as a replacement.



For the past 35 years, the USSR was comprised of 15 member Soviet Republics and for over three generations, the Soviet Coat of Arms adorned all regular and commemorative coinage. However, in October a series of gold coins without the State Coat of Arms was released. The 100, 50, 25 and 10 ruble coins celebrated the Bolshoy Theater in Moscow and each depicts the theater on the obverse and ballet dancers on the reverse.



New Type: 5000 rubles 1991 “deposit certificate” issued by the “All Russian Exchange Bank.” Struck in copper-nickel with a reeded edge. Tentative mintage 10,000. Redemption at full face value until December 30, 1996. Double face value after Dec. 30, 1996.

Obverse bank name and denomination. Reverse legend, bank monogram and date. (Courtesy Yuri Barshay, St. Petersburg, Russia)

The economic chaos and potential independent currencies planned by the newly proclaimed independent republics are in part, prompted by inflation running at anywhere from 40 to 250% per year according to the Wall Street Journal. Russian President Boris Yeltsin has been accused by the governments of Ukraine and Belarus of continuing to produce and flood the market with essentially worthless paper money. Several former republics turned to ration coupons to be used simultaneously with Russian rubles as a form of control on inflation. The coupons can be used to purchase domestic goods in order to avoid the export of those goods to neighboring republics. Remember, the people of the former Soviet Union do not write checks to buy goods nor do they utilize credit cards. It is a nation dependent upon currency.

PLANS FOR OTHER CURRENCY

Armenia, Georgia and the Ukraine along with the three Baltic States have all announced plans for an independent currency system. Moldova is planning to introduce an leu-denominated currency. The notes are to be printed by the National Bank of Romania's printing facility. The Ukraine is moving ahead with plans for Haryvnia-denominated notes. They went to print on presses of the Canadian Bank Note Co. of Ottawa, Canada on January 27th and are to be placed into circulation by July.

Dr. Valeriy Khorshev from Moscow said, “The new year 1992 will probably bring many surprises for those who collect bank notes and coins of this region.”

New spellings of various names have accompanied the political changes. It will probably be some time before everyone agrees on common spellings for all places. Here is a brief rundown:

Armenia: Capital — Yerevan. People voted independence on Sept. 21, 1991. Joined CIS Dec. 21, 1991.

Azerbaijan: Capital — Baku. Independence declared. Joined CIS Dec. 21, 1991.

Belarus: Capital — Mensk. Independence declared Aug. 25, 1991. Holds seat in the UN. Signed treaty creating CIS, along with Russia and Ukraine on Dec. 8, 1991.

Estonia: Capital — Tallinn. Independence declared on Aug. 20, 1991. Holds UN seat. New currency pending — 100 senti equals 1 kroon.

Georgia: Capital — Tbilisi. Independence declared March 31, 1991. Civil war has eased. Wants to join CIS.

Kazakhstan: Capital — Alma-Ata. Independence declared. Joined CIS Dec. 21, 1991.

Kyrgyzstan: Capital — Bishkek. Independence declared. Joined CIS Dec. 21, 1991.

Latvia: Capital — Riga. Independence declared Aug. 21, 1992. Holds UN seat. New currency pending.

Lithuania: Capital — Vilnius. Independence declared March 11, 1990. Holds UN seat. New currency pending. 100 centu equals 1 litas.

Moldova: Capital — Kishinev. Independence declared Aug. 27, 1991. Joined CIS Dec. 21, 1991. Plans to issue own currency with leu as unit.

Russia: Capital — Moscow. Signed treaty creating CIS on Dec. 8, 1991 with Ukraine and Belarus. White, Blue and Red flag flew over UN for the first time Dec. 27, 1991. Russia takes Soviet Union Seat on the UN Security Council.

Tajikistan: Capital — Dushanbe. Independence declared. Joined CIS Dec. 21, 1991.

Ukraine: Capital — Kiev. Independence declared Aug. 24, 1991. Founding member of CIS on Dec. 8, 1991. Has UN seat. Decreed own currency to be printed in Canada.

Uzbekistan: Capital — Tashkent. Independence declared. Joined CIS on Dec. 21, 1991.

BOOK SHELF

NICKLE ENCYCLOPEDIA . . . A new, thorough and comprehensive book, *The United States Nickel Five-Cent Piece, A Date-By-Date Analysis and History, 1866-1988*, has just been published by Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc. The new work is the first full-length treatment of the denomination in a single volume, including all types of the series.

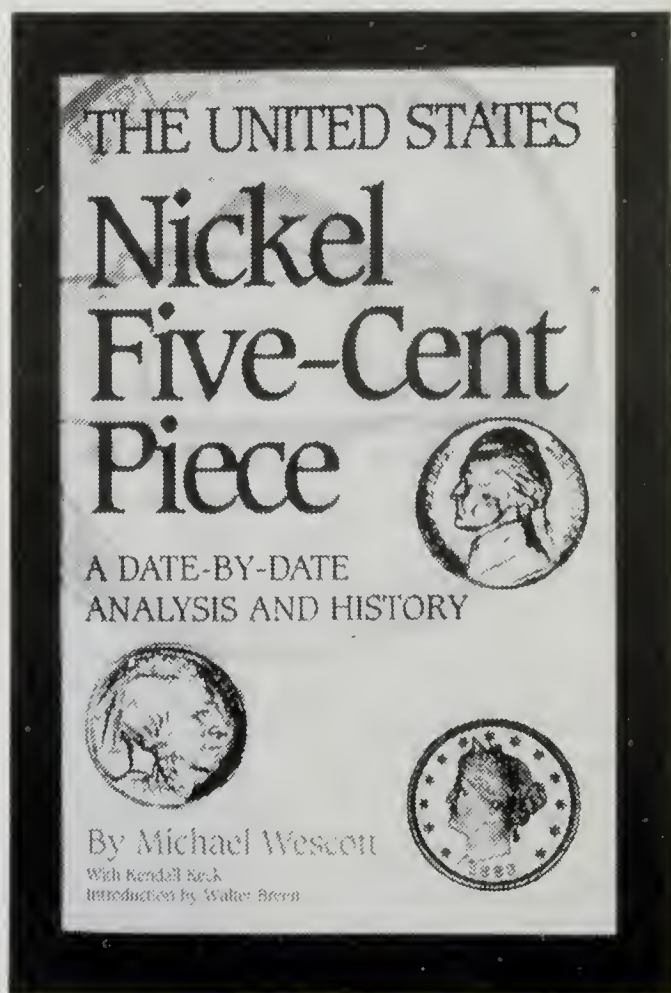
Authored by Michael Wescott, in collaboration with the late Kendell Keck, this encyclopedia listing of nickels has been many, many years in preparation. In his introduction to the new reference, Walter Breen stated "Young Michael Wescott taught me facts about nickels I hadn't known even after 30 years of studying this series." Michael Wescott is 18 years of age.

Beginning with the 1866 With Rays nickel, and concluding with the 1988 Jefferson type, this 191 page volume contains a date-by-date analysis of each issue, including mintage figures for business strikes and proofs, notes on design changes and designers, illustrations of double dies, overdates, patterns, and includes all major varieties listed by Walter Breen in his *Encyclopedia*.

Orders for the new volume may be addressed to the Publications Department, Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc., P.O.

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24TH EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The CSNA held its annual educational symposium on March 14, 1992 at the Day's Inn of Fullerton, Ca.

A good crowd was on hand for the full day to hear four speakers on varied subjects. They were:

DAVID W. LANGE of San Francisco spoke on U.S. Coinage for the Philippines. David is a prolific writer having feature articles in Coin World, Calcoin News, The Gobrecht Journal, Rare Coin Review and others. His column appears regularly in The Numismatist and The Journal of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. David is currently a Director for CSNA.

DR. THOMAS F. FITZGERALD, CSNA President and Director of Education spoke on the 2nd Russian Revolution of the 20th Century. Mike Little of the Jefferies Bank Note Company of Los Angeles was scheduled but did not make it at the last moment.

ALBERT L. BABER, Past President of CSNA told of Japanese Coins of the Meiji Era. Al specializes in the Modern Coinage of Japan. His collection was used for the photos in the Standard Catalog of World Coins at the invitation of Krause Publications.

CAROL MAYER MARSHALL, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint present a speech on the Bicentennial, Philadelphia Mint 1792-1992. The talk was prepared at the Philadelphia Mint for the Mint Director who could not be here.



Standing: Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald and Albert L. Baber. Seated: Carol Mayer Marshall and David W. Lange.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

The COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS for their financial support of our 1992 symposium.

NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA for hosting the lunch for the Young Numismatists.

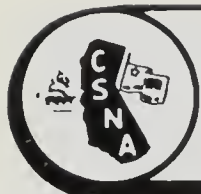
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COVINA COIN CLUB for the donation of Red Books.

GALAXIE DESIGNS for the donation of patron ribbons.

WILLIAM and ELIZABETH WISSLEAD, ALBERT and VIRGINIA HALL for donation of miscellaneous items for the Young Numismatists.

ALL INDIVIDUALS who participated in the exhibit segment of the symposium.



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



ROY IWATA - CSNA 4482

I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. I came to California after graduating from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering. I stayed in Port Hueneme and worked for the Navy for three years, moving later to Orange County to work at the Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach where I am still employed. In 1984 I got my Master of Science degree from CalState University at Fullerton.

I became interested in coins at the age of twelve when I saw an advertisement stating "... would pay \$100 for 59 pennies (U.S. cents). For \$1.00 they sent me a coin folder listing the dates of the 'pennies' they wanted. As time went on I collected the Barber coins as they were very scarce in circulation. After arriving in California I became interested in proof sets, mint sets, type coins such as Buffalo nickels, Walking Liberty Halves, Franklin Halves, Standing Liberty Quarters, Morgan and Peace Dollars, etc.

Today my collecting interest is in U.S. Commemorative Coins and their holders, coins with mammals, numismatic items with the Liberty Cap, die varieties and nu-

mismatic literature. I am also interested in medals, tokens, pins, etc. that are related to the events commemorated by the U.S. Commemorative coins.

My favorite coin is the 1916-D Mercury dime in AU condition since it is the most expensive coin in my collection. I bought it at a Bowers and Merena Auction in 1983. I thought I was going to get it at a very low price as no one bid after I did until the very last second. The other party kept over bidding me until I was about \$500 over my first bid. I probably paid more than I should have, but today I am glad that I bought it at that time. If I had passed it up, I probably would not have bought a 1916-D Mercury Dime in AU condition but would have settled for a lower grade.

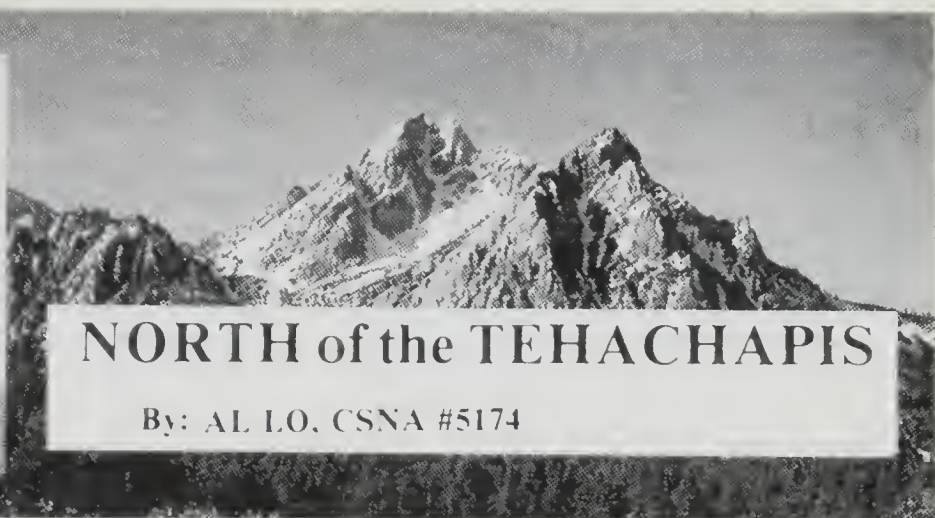
I am a member of ANA, CSNA, NASC, CWTS, Society for U.S. Commemorative Coins, Topical Numismatic Society and the Society of Lincoln Cents. On the local level I belong to the Long Beach, Orange Coast, Garden Grove, Orange County, Anaheim, Tustin and Santa Ana Coin Clubs. I, either have or am currently, holding offices in Long Beach, Fountain Valley/Huntington Beach, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Orange Coast and the Society for U.S. Commemorative Coins.

I enjoy placing exhibits in area coin shows and have been fortunate to win several awards. I also give programs for local coin clubs. I received an ANA Educational Award for Outstanding Photographic Contributions from the Society for U.S. Commemorative Coins March 1989.

My other hobbies are photography, both taking pictures and then developing them, woodwork and collecting old cameras.

I had a good time taking classes in coin grading, coin photography and U.S. Commemorative Coins at the ANA Summer Seminar in 1984, 1985 and 1986.

A numismatic trip I want to take is to Washington, D.C. to view the coin collection at the Smithsonian Institution.



NORTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: AL LO, CSNA #5174

A COPPER FOR A MEMBER

The *Gateway Coin Club* of Merced County is on a major new member recruitment drive and is offering a bounty of "a copper medal of your choice for just signing a new member for 1992." Another contest is to bring in Coin Dealer Business Cards! The member who turned in the most cards (all different of course) won \$20.00 cash at the February 6th meeting. Cards will be used in mailing out coin show invitations for its June 13-14 Coin Show.

TONY HOGAN, President of the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company, was the guest speaker in February. He was very interested in the 1992 club medal, designed by President JOEL ANDERSON, which depicts the original Yosemite Valley Railroad.

The GATEWAY COIN CLUB meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Glendale Federal Bank, 19th and M Street in downtown Merced. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and visitors are ALWAYS WELCOME!

WANTED: PICS OF THESE GUYS . . .

Dave W. Lange, resident historian of the *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society*, is looking for photos of past PCNS presidents, Charles Turrell (1924-27); Basil Brandon (1929); Arthur Wyman (1932); Otto Schulz (1940); Nathaniel Slate (1944); Clifford Bloom (1950); and Jay Patterson (1974-75). Can any of our longtime CSNA members help Dave?

PCNS continues to have a variety of interesting speakers at their long running meetings. At its 911th meeting, DAVE W. LANGE presented a program on the "Peace Dollars." At the next meeting, GORDON

DONNELL gave an enlightening overview of "Wooden Money" which started with wooden promissory notes of the Byzantine Empire in 395 AD. Tenino, Washington was the first area to issue wooden money in the USA. MARK WM. CLARK corralled PCNS's South American interests during the April meeting by taking members to Argentina with his "Coins of Argentina" speech.

JIM DOES IT WITH A GAS TORCH!!

Liberty Numismatic Society member JIM ROSEN showed members how to determine whether a flip contained harmful polyvinyl chloride (pvc) by using a gas torch to show changes in color of the flame. His talk on coin storage and protection was very informative. Other speakers were REGAN SHEA who presented an ANA program about the history and restoration of "The Old Mint at San Francisco" and MARIAN SINTON who gave secrets of "Collecting Ancient Gold Coins."

National Coin Week was celebrated for TWO MONTHS. LNS's exhibit of coins and currency was displayed in the entryway to the Milbrae Library during the month of April and in May, the exhibit was moved to the San Mateo Library.

TURRINI, BLACKWOOD, HENKE, & BLEAU

The *Fairfield Coin Club* election for 1992 officers showed: MICHAEL TURRINI, President; CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Vice President; JAN HENKE, Secretary; and JOSEPH BLEAU, Treasurer as winners. They will be busy planning their Third Annual Coin Show which will be held on September 20th.

The 19th Anniversary of the club was celebrated in March with a social night and a display of the Club's entire history. Another Pot Luck social was held in May.

WOW — 500 MEETINGS!

The *Redwood Empire Club* celebrated its 500th meeting on April 22, 1992. That's over 41 years of monthly meetings! Congratulations to the new 1992 officers who will continue this great tradition! They are President JIM CARSTARPHEN, Vice President SID PERLMAN, Secretary GUY SHAPPY, and Treasurer HELEN ROBERTS.

Meetings are held every 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Orchard Park Club House, 1945 Piner Road, Santa Rosa. LEE GONG is the new Membership Chairman and can provide more information.

HOW I BECAME INTERESTED IN COLLECTING

Fresno Numismatic Society has run stories of three of its prominent members detailing their starts as numismatists. DAVID JOSEPHINE was featured in February, BILL FEBUARY in March, and PHILLIP PLETTNER in April. Bill is past and present currency collector. He told how he collected a vast collection of currency between 1977-81 and then sold it. By 1986, the collecting bug bit again and he started collecting currency again but now after 6 years, he is nowhere close to matching his first collection. David and Phillip are typical coin collectors who started from scratch as youngsters and now are confirmed numismatists. As David said, "I've been very thankful in this great hobby that's been so good to me and it is with much hope that I can pass this goodness to others."

WHAT'S A PISTREEN??

Peninsula Coin Club editor FRED VAN DEN HAAK continues to confound club members with his monthly quiz. How many of you know what is a "pistreen," "plack," "bawbee," or "tctsoon"? No one in the club knew but now everyone does! Fred also won the design contest for this year's medal with his design of the P-3 Orion sub chaser.

NUMISMATIC POTPOURRI WITH BARR HUMOR

The *San Francisco Coin Club* meetings were enlivened by DON THRALL's "Bank Tokens & Medals" talk in February. In March JERRY SCHIMMEL presented "A Tour of San Francisco Through It's Tokens" and in April, KEN BARR gave his "Numismatic Potpourri" talk injected with his inimitable dry sense of humor.

New 1992 officers elected in January were: President, TOM KELLY; Vice President, GORDON DONNELL; and Secretary-Treasurer, HANS HANSON.

CAN YOU USE THAT HOE IN THE GARDEN?

The *San Jose Coin Club* held its election in April with the following officers re-elected: DEAN ALFRED, President; MARSHALL MYERS, Vice President; MICHAEL SCHAUF, JR., Vice President; RAY JOHNSON, Recording Secretary; AL LO, Corresponding Secretary; and WALLY WALLAKER, Treasurer.

"An Introduction to Civil War Tokens" was DAVE CIENIEWICZ's topic in his February talk. THOMAS VAN CLEAVE impressed the members with his knowledge and examples of "Aztec Hoe Money" in March.

READING FOR BUCKS!!

The *Fremont Coin Club* is one of the sponsors of the "TURN ON TO READING WEEK." Children were given the opportunity to earn up to \$45 in Book Bucks to spend in local stores like real money. One of the options available for \$5 Book Bucks was an Indian head penny, an aluminum medal, and a one year membership in the Fremont Coin Club. That sounds like a good way to encourage children to read more and also get new junior members.

National Coin Week was celebrated by having an exhibit at Great Western Bank in Fremont. Other educational programs included GARY ACQUISTAPACE's overview of Casino Gaming Tokens, HARRY SMITH's talk on Seated Liberty Quarters, and DAVE W. LANGE's speech on U.S. Peace Dollars.

EYEBALLING BITS & PIECES FOR PRIZES

The *Livermore Valley Coin Club* had an interesting contest at its March meeting.

Called the "Keyhole Coin Quiz," prizes were awarded to members who could identify coins from little pieces of pictures from the Red Book. Another contest was a "Wheatie Filler Fest" where teams received piles of wheaties and a Whitman folder. Winner was the team that could find the most coins in five minutes.

Another educational program was an ANA slide program entitled "Types of Regular Issue United States Gold Coins."

WHY IS GORDON SMILING??

The *Vallejo Numismatic Society* continues to have fun filled meetings. The January Pasta Dinner was a great success due to the good food, enjoyable times, and great prizes. A \$10 Liberty gold eagle, a \$5 Liberty gold half eagle, and San Diego Commemorative half were top prizes and by reading between the lines, GORDON DONNELL must have won one or more of them.

The March meeting was another unique meeting, this time it was a combined coin club and model railroad club meeting which was such fun that it may become an annual event. In April, it was Annual Paper Money Night with Fractional Currency expert CRAIG BLACKWOOD sharing his rare and unique collection of Fractional Currency Specimens. Also on the agenda was well-known paper money authority, SYD KASS, who shared his major paper money errors.

HERE'S ONE FOR CHRISTOPHER . . .

Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) announced that it will be striking a special silver Quincentenary Medal to commemorate Columbus Epic Discovery. Cost is \$20 and the deadline for ordering is July 1, 1992. Contact Michael Turrino at P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590 if interested.

The club's quarterly mail silver round drawing continues to be a Huge Success with winners from all parts of California. It must be the popular and unique rounds that are given away!

Any club wishing to publicize or advertise its medals should write to the club at the above address. It's FREE!

IT'S STILL ALIVE AND KICKING!!

Diablo Coin Club's Board sent out an urgent plea for members to give them

guidance since membership was down and there weren't enough volunteers for club officers. It's plea was heard and answered. Alarmed members attended the March meeting and expressed great desire to continue the club. Officers for 1992 were elected with JAMES LIND taking reins as President. Helping him will be Vice President, Michael Turrini; Secretary, STEWART HUCKABY; and Treasurer, MAURICE ORTIZ.

AFTER TAX SEASON, IT'S DOGS AND BEANS . . .

Delta Coin Club publishes weekly gold, silver, and platinum prices in each monthly newsletter. In the March issue, it showed the average March prices for 1987-91 with gold being \$408.75 in 1987, \$446.38 in 1988, \$392.40 in 1989, \$392.70 in 1990, and \$363.55 in 1991. Now it's \$344.68. Is it time to buy gold?? Platinum is also lower but silver is a little higher than last March.

Delta Coin Club members celebrated the end of Tax Season with a Hot Dog and Chili Bean Night on April 24th. Like most of US, that's probably all everyone could afford at that time of the year!

WE'RE ALL HAPPY!!!

The *Cupertino Coin Club's* 22nd Annual Coin Show in February was a Great Success with both dealers and collectors happy. Also happy were the exhibitors who received nice trophies for their winning displays. The RAY ERKSON Best of Show Award was given to GARY ACQUISTAPACE for his "Silver Pesos of Modern Mexico" exhibit. First place awards were given to CHUCK WHITE (adult) and MICHAEL BAER (youth). EDSZETELA was awarded a second place youth trophy.

"Numismatic Potpourri, Why NOT to Collect Coins" was the topic that KEN BARR used to start off the new year. In February, DEAN SODERSTROM presented the ANA slide show on "World Trade Dollars." March's meeting was election night with PHIL SOLOMON being elected President. FRANK NIELSEN is the Vice President; ED SZETELA, Youth Vice President; RONDA JOHNSON, Recording Secretary; JEAN PRITCHETT, Corresponding Secretary; and RON ISHIZAKI, Treasurer.



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Mr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald
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Covina, CA 91723

Dear Tom:

I must write to give you my thanks as well as my regrets. First of all, thank you so much for including me in your Twenty Fourth Annual Symposium last Saturday. While I was not comfortable talking on a subject about which my audience knew far more than I, everyone was most gracious. I so enjoy having the opportunity to talk to you and your colleagues. They not only greeted me with great warmth, but I learned so very much.

And my "regrets"...for leaving in such a hurry. I thought there was plenty of time for me to get to the Orange County Airport, but one of your members threw a scare into me saying that I "probably would not make it". Since, as you know, it was the last flight of the evening I was very worried about making it on time. As it turned out, I got there in plenty of time and there was no problem whatsoever.

And lastly, please thank all of your members for their hospitality and Charles Colver in particular. I value all of the fine remembrances that Charles gave to me, but in particular the CSNA book on money. I read it on the airplane and was particularly fascinated with the stories about the San Francisco Mint. I am sure that the other articles in the book will be equally enlightening.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Mayer Marshall
Superintendent

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PEOPLE DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE AND QUALITY



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
State of California

April 14, 1992

TO: THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

I am pleased to convey my warm regards to your members from throughout our state who are participating in activities being held from April 19-25, 1992 in conjunction with the 69th National Coin Week observance.

For many citizens, coin and currency collection is a rewarding and challenging hobby, one which they pursue with great enthusiasm and expertise. Through the years, your organization has been instrumental in promoting the concerns of your members--hobbyists as well as professional collectors. Also, you have been at the forefront of the effort to preserve numismatic-related historical artifacts and buildings, such as your successful project to restore the "Old Mint" in San Francisco.

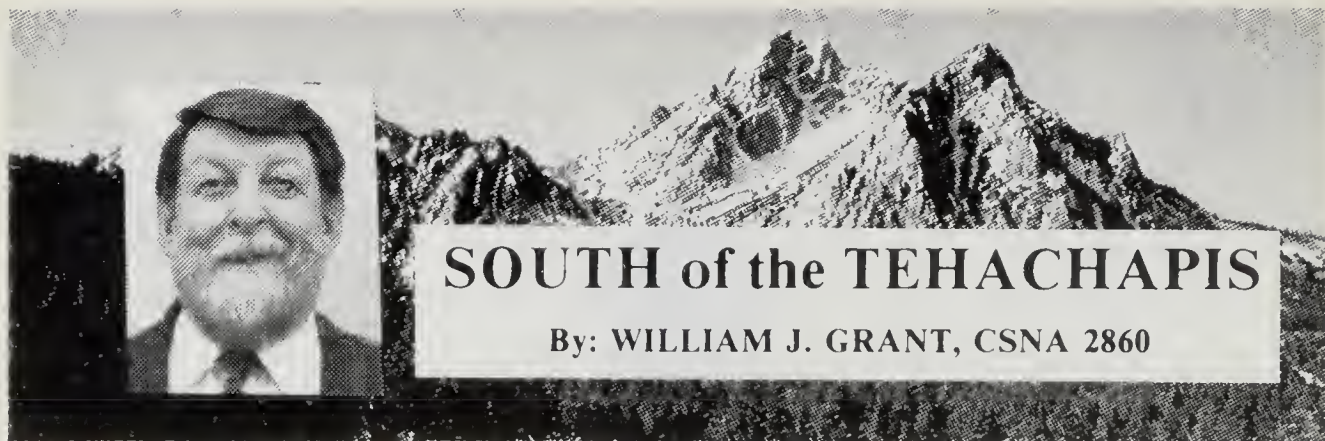
This weeklong celebration provides a great opportunity for your members statewide to focus their common interests and look to expand their contacts with fellow coin and currency collectors throughout our nation. I am sure this observance will help to inform many people about the important role of coinage in our society and the many enjoyable aspects of collecting.

I send my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive 1992 National Coin Week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Pete Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "W".

PETE WILSON



SOUTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: WILLIAM J. GRANT, CSNA 2860

NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN LONG BEACH

The Long Beach Coin Club participated in National Coin Week with an Olympic theme display designed by Gwen Heistand. The display will be housed at the Downtown Public Library during the month of May. In addition, President Arri Jacob is hoping to have a Bank Note Display at the Farmers and Merchants Bank, arrangements were being worked out.

At the February meeting Richard Basler spoke on "Masterpieces of Greek Coin Art." The "History of Credit Cards" presented by Darryl Weiss was the program in March and in April Charles Colver presented a program on "Two Decades of CSNA Medals."

NATIONAL COIN WEEK AND LACC

LACC participated in ANA's National Coin Week (NCW) at the April's meeting by having a program by "Dr. I.Q." Quiz Master Murray Singer and President Ostromeeki did the honors. Prizes for the correct answers, and contestants will receive an ANA certificate for participating. Club President Walt Ostromeeki suggest a Club theme for NCW of: "Every Member Get A Member" and he recommends members do this throughout 1992. . . . The Wire Edge reports the passing of long-time member Foster Hall. Our condolences to the Hall family.

In February Coin Dealer Michael Moline spoke on Numismatics in general and answered questions following his talk. "Changes in the Soviet Union" was CSNA President Thomas Fitzgerald's topic at the March meeting.

SANTA BARBARA CC FOUNDER DIES

The Santa Barbara Coin Club founder Robert DeMott passed away January 28.

Our condolences to the DeMott family. . . . Congratulations to Gwen Sentis and the Santa Barbara Coin Club for receiving NASC's best Newsletter trophy for 1992.

February program was "BOURSE NIGHT," where members wheeled and dealt with others for the best price. Plenty of action and a few good deals. In March Charles Colver spoke to the club on "Home Town Bank Notes." Joel Harwin was the speaker in April, his topic: "Pattern Coins of the U.S."

\$2.00 MEMBERSHIP AT LITTON CC!

Like all coin clubs, the Litton Coin Club is looking to increase its membership, and to help attract new members, the club has maintained its \$2.00 per year membership dues. This is got to be the best buy in Southern California.

Phil Iversen presented slide programs during January, February and March. Phil's topics: Early U.S. Money in January, and World Trade Dollars, Parts I and II.

IVERSEN CONQUERS L.A. MARATHON

On March 1st, CSNA board member and SGVCC President Phil Iversen competed in the Los Angeles Marathon, and was rewarded with the marathon medal for completing the 26 mile run along with some 20,000 other sick and deranged runners. Congratulations on completing such a feat. To commemorate the event, Phil has issued a wooden nickel. . . . By the way the San Gabriel Valley CC has moved their meeting date to the 2nd Wednesday of every month with no change in location. (Pasadena Elks, 400 W. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena).

UPLAND COIN CLUB

Recovering from her triple bypass surgery, Ethel Lenhart is doing well as she

resumed her secretarial duties, and is visiting some of her favorite clubs. That's real good news.

Program chairman William Wisslead presented "Hobo Nickels" by Bill Fivaz in February. In March Bill had to improvise a Question and Answer program due to the short notice cancellation of the scheduled speaker. In April Roy Iwata spoke on "Numismatics and the Liberty Cap."

COIN-O-RAMA IN COVINA

Covina Coin Club put on another successful coin show in April. . . . I'm sorry to report that our good friend Adel Strauss suffered a heart attack in March. At last word she was recovering slowly. We do wish her well and hope she is better real soon.

Speakers during this period were Charles Colver on "The Story of the Dollar." Bill Wisslead showed a narrated slide program on "Hobo Nickels" by Bill Fivaz, and in April Angus Bruce spoke on Philippine Guerrilla Currency.

LEISURE WORLD COIN CLUB

Approximately 400 students from the McAuliffe Middle School in Los Alamitos were treated to a National Coin Week talk by Jules Feingold. Following the talk students were given a coin in hopes of encouraging them to start a coin collection.

FRED COOPS MEMORIAL FUND

Clubs and club members are contributing to the Fred Coops Memorial Fund. In addition, a coin raffle has been set up to raise additional funds, with the drawing set for December. Participating clubs are Redlands, Fontana, and San Bernardino County Coin Clubs. A Fred Coops Memorial Award will be the results of the fund raising, not yet finalized. Fred W. Coops Jr. was a coin dealer in San Bernardino for over 50 years and was Charter Member #3 of the SBCCC. His passing is truly a loss to the San Bernardino Valley. . . . Albert K. Hall slipped and fell in February and broke his left wrist in two places. After the doctor had attached a metal metric piece to his arm, Al looked like a Bionic man in the making. And he has not slowed down a bit. . . . Earl Dale attended the February meeting after a long illness. And Don Schulte

has returned home and doing great after surgery.

Dr. Wharburton Miller was the speaker in February, his topic "a tongue twister," "The Psychological Requirements of a Numismatist." Dr. Larry Burgess had the honors in March, he spoke on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War Times, and in April Past President Angus Bruce gave a 30 minute dissertation on the Philippine Guerrilla Currency used in WWII.

TID BITS FROM BAY CITIES COIN CLUB

Two hundred fifty years ago this April Juan Cabrillo landed and named it Santa Monica. . . . Jerry Yahalom received the Goodson Award, an NASC prestigious award. . . . Speaking of prestigious awards, William & Elizabeth Wisslead were recognized for many years of dedicated service and received the Silver Medal of Merit of Service from S.I.N. . . . Kay Northam came down from Northern California to visit and work at the Golden State Coin Show. . . . The Bay Cities Coin Club meets on the second Sunday of each month at the Santa Monica Main Library, sixth and Santa Monica Blvd. at 1:30. . . . Phil Iversen presented a slide program in March and April on "The Trade Coins of the World," Parts one and two.

VERDUGO HILLS COIN SHOW ANOTHER SUCCESS

March 8th marked the 27th annual VHCC show. The show was well attended with many good deals. Steve Albanese sold the most raffle tickets and won a Mexico 5 Peso Gold piece; Ed Gagnon was not far behind with his 87 tickets sales. . . . A long time member Muriel Barth passed away on February 21. Our condolences to the family.

In February Alex Shagin spoke to the members on his medal designs and gave a few thoughts on the new Unified Russia. Art Beddoe spoke in March, his topic "Horology" (the science and study of time). The April program was a slide show titled "Simba," on the African Lion by Dr. Stephen D'Arc.

FUN INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

Kay Lenker was installed as president of the Fontana United Numismatists (FUN) during January's meeting. Also installed were Treasurer: Norm Curlett; Recording

Secretary: Lorraine Locke; Corresponding Secretary: Bud Osborne; Board Members: Don Conrad, Al Hall, Tony Micciche and Lou Locke. . . . Jim Bourland rejoined the club after a LONG absence. . . . March's Annual Super Auction saw 138 of 200 lots sold or a percentage of 69%.

In February Virginia Hall spoke on "History Written on a Penny," and in April John Lenker spoke on "Kids on Coins."

SINGER RECEIVES LITERARY AWARD

Murray Singer was awarded the NASC Literary award for the best article in the NASC Quarterly for 1991. . . . NASC awarded the *ORACLE* a 3rd place in the best Club Publication, edited by Murray and Syd Singer.

"The Gates of Old Jerusalem, Portrayed Numismatically" was Jerry Yahalom subject at the February meeting. In March Mel Wacks spoke, his topic "How Medals are Made." April saw Yaakov Mead speak "Determinants of the Demand for Israeli Commemoratives at the Time of Issue." In addition Yaakov had an article published in a recent issue of the *AINA* "SHEKEL" Magazine, titled "Israel Commemorative Coins: Art, Sentiment, History and Investment."

SAN DIEGO

The San Diego numismatic community has truly supported two numismatic events of late. Thirty-two members made the trip to Pasadena to attend the 3rd annual GSCS. Then in March another chartered bus took 32 members to CSNA's 24th annual Symposium. Great work and I do hope you enjoyed.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

SDNS was the host for the Council Joint Meeting in March. . . . The 1991 participation award was won by Bob Vik, he received a Mexican five peso gold piece for his efforts. Chuck Luce had the most correct answers to the monthly coin quiz, and received a See's Candy Gift Certificate.

Dorothy Baber spoke in February on the history and workings of the Assay Commission medal. In March, two speakers had the honors: Roger Sullivan spoke on Love Tokens and Bill Walter discussed So-Called Dollars. Both speakers had

many examples of their subject. "Moose in Numismatics" was Mel Pierce's subject at the April meeting.

HEMET CLUB COLLECTING FOOD

The Hemet Numismatists have started a program to collect food staples in order to aid the less fortunate. President Clifford Parr will head up the project. Past President LaVerne Butcher had a pleasant surprise visit from President Clifford Parr and Anne Wasner. The two visitors presented LaVerne with a beautiful plaque in appreciation for her many years of hard work and dedicated service to the club.

Club speakers were: "The Face of Lincoln" a movie presented by Albert K. Hall; Mark Rankin spoke on protecting valuables with a home safe; and an ANA slide program the "Wonderful World of Trade Dollars" was shown at the April meeting.

WHITTIER AMENDS BY-LAWS

At a recent board meeting the Whittier Coin Club made changes to its by-laws. Changes included: Officers and board members will serve two years (or more); eliminate the need for a second vice-president and only one secretary was required. In addition, board members were required to write a "Policy and Procedure" for their position.

Speaking at the February meeting was William J. Grant who spoke on one of his favorite subjects "A Salute to APOLLO XI." A slide program by Harold Katzman on "California Missions" was the topic for March, and "U.S. Commemoratives" was Bruce Davidson's subject during April's meeting.

REDLANDS OBSERVES LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

In observance of Lincoln's birthday, club members moved the meeting to the Lincoln Shrine where Archivist Don McCue and Dr. Larry Burgess told of recent Shrine acquisitions and topical stories. Many of the club members attended the 60th annual Lincoln day dinner on February 12th.

Programs during this period included members participating in such subjects as your favorite coin(s), and speaking on countries from the last part of the alphabet.

CULVER CITY CLUB PRESENTS AWARDS

Culver City Coin Club presented two awards at its annual dinner. Receiving the MYRON McLAFLIN MEMORIAL SERVICE award was Gasaly Stanbridge and the NATE BROMBERG MEMORIAL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT award was received by Mike Dinius. Congratulations to both hard workers.

In February Long Beach President Arri Jacob presented a humorous talk on "Dirty Money." Alex Moulinos presented a slide program on "U.S. Silver Dollars" at the March meeting.

ORANGE COUNTY CC

OCCC Secretary Elizabeth Wisslead informs me they had two interesting talks during the period. Gene Swonger spoke on Post Cards, and Ewell Gunther talked about "Autograph Covers."

AWARDS PRESENTED AT WVCC LUNCHEON

Three hard working members were recognized for their efforts during the past year. The RUSS SNYDER AWARD went to Maurice Getz (best exhibits); RUTH JOHNSON AWARD went to Dillon Frost (Literary) and GEORGE PRICE AWARD was presented to Eileen Bernstein (service).

Dillon Frost spoke in February, his topic "Parthia and It's Coins." Both Jerry and Mary Yahalon teamed up to present a slide program on "California Commemoratives."

COLLECTORS OF THE REALM

I would be happy to include your club activities in this column, if only I could receive your club bulletin!

FERRIS WHEEL MEDAL

The Chula Vista Coin Club has issued it's third medal. It features a Ferris Wheel and the words 100th Anniversary of the Ferris Wheel and the date 1892-1992. This was based on reference to the "Ferris Wheel of the 1892 Exposition" in two publications. After preparation of the die it was learned that although the concept, design and contract for the Ferris Wheel took place in 1892, the wheel itself was not completed until early 1893. Thus, the medal actually celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the concept of the Ferris Wheel.



The 39mm medals are struck in silver, golden bronze and oxidized bronze. The three piece sets are \$20.00 postpaid, insured. The two piece sets are \$4.00 postpaid from: C. M. Luce, 1393 Kenalan, San Diego, Ca. 92154.

THREE ANNIVERSARIES



The International Numismatic Society of San Diego was founded July 12, 1962. At that time it was decided the Society would emphasize the collection and study of numismatic items not manufactured in the United States for domestic use.

Most meetings include informative slide presentations and a "show and tell" by the club members. Through the years the membership roles have included several well known numismatists.

The coincidence of three anniversaries to be celebrated in 1992 was noted and the society's second medal has been struck. This medal commemorates: the 30th Anniversary of the Society, the 450th Anniversary of the discovery of San Diego, and the 500th Anniversary of the discovery of the Americas. The medals have been struck in silver, golden bronze, and oxidized golden bronze. A few of the three-piece sets remain and are available for \$19.00 postpaid, insured from International Numismatic Society of San Diego, 5444-D Olive Street, San Diego, CA 92105.

HISTORY OF THE CSNA MEDALLIONS

by Virginia Hall

Photos by William O. Wisslead

1972 — SAN FRANCISCO

The 50th Convention was held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel on April 21-23. Ruth Ludwigsen (Phillips) was the General Chairman. The medal design shows the "Home of the 'S' Mint Mark" and noted the 25th anniversary of CSNA.

The host club was the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Quantity struck: 2150 Oxidized Bronze
150 .999 Fine Silver
518 Nickel Silver



1972 — LOS ANGELES

The 51st Convention was held at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel November 3-5. William O. Wisslead served as the General Chairman. The medal, designed by Barbara Hyde, shows the Grizzly Bear representing the Golden State of California. A committee of Dan Harley, Charles Colver and G. Lee Kuntz chose the medal design.

The host club was the C.S.N.A.

Quantity struck: 1675 Golden Bronze
100 .999 Fine Silver
300 Oxidized Bronze



1973 — OAKLAND

The 52nd Convention was held at the Hotel Leamington April 27-29. Roy Hill was the General Chairman. The medal design showed the Oakland, Brooklyn & Fruitvale Railroad Co. representation in the upper half, and the Bay Area Rapid Transit in the lower half. The legend separating the two reads FROM HORSE CAR TO BART. The designer was Roy Hill.

The host club was the C.S.N.A.

Quantity struck: 1836 Golden Bronze
150 .999 Fine Silver
200 Oxidized Bronze



1973 — ANAHEIM

The 53rd Convention was held at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel November 2-4. The General Chairmen were Herbert Bergen and Louis Beretich. The medal designer was Barbara Hyde and depicted the Sky Ride, Matthehorn and the Monorail.

The host club was Orange County Coin Club.

Quantity struck: 2050 Golden Bronze
100 .999 Fine Silver
200 Oxidized Bronze



1974 — SACRAMENTO

The 54th Convention was held at the Senator Hotel April 19-24. The General Chairman was D. L. Reiswig. Mr. Reiswig also designed the medal which depicts the Great Seal of the State of California.

The host club was the Sacramento Valley Coin Club.

Quantity struck: 1650 Golden Bronze
100 .999 Fine Silver
300 Oxidized Bronze

1974 — SAN DIEGO

The 55th Convention was held at the U.S. Grant Hotel November 1-3. The General Chairman was Catharine Edgerton (Lenker). The medal shows the San Diego Commemorative Half Dollar and was suggested by club members.

The host club was the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council.

Quantity struck: 1750 Golden Bronze
100 .999 Fine Silver
300 Oxidized Bronze





The Way It Was . . .



The Leamington

OAKLAND - 1950



The sixth semi-annual convention of CSNA was held April 21-23, 1950 at the Leamington Hotel in Oakland, California with the East Bay Coin Club as host.

Registration totaled 119 and an unknown number of visitors milled in and out of the exhibit and bourse rooms all day.

Fourteen dealers from California and Arizona had bourse space under the direction of Earl Parker.

The educational forum was held in the Victory Room. Thomas W. Ward, of Fallbrook, spoke on Roman Coins, Chris Peterson of Chekalis, Washington told of U.S. large cents, 1793-1857; John Ohls, San Francisco on Commemorative Coins of the World; and A. E. Clark of Oakland presented highlights of British coinage. Speakers were introduced by A. W. Ritchie who, along with Sidney Haas, was in charge of this numismatic program.

Thirty-four people took the boat trip around San Francisco on Saturday. Sandwiches and coffee were served on board by Thelma Fieberling and Jim Rogers, hosts.

Interesting points seen along the way included Alcatraz, Fort Mason, Treasure Island, Fisherman's Wharf, the Panama Pacific Exposition grounds, Fort Winfield Scott, the Presidio of San Francisco, the town of Sausalito, Angel Island, Mt. Tamalpias, and Marin City. A school of seals were also entertaining. Frank Carson and Paul Evens managed the car pool and information table.

Frank X. Gavin was the emcee at the Saturday night banquet. Chris Peterson received the Best Exhibit Award for a display containing 1200 varieties of the U.S. Large Cents. Dave Redfield was chairman of the awards committee, his assistants were Lew Panosh and Kenny Lee.

Bill Connell guessed the *exact* number of U.S. Cents in three odd shaped jars — 1068 — and took the largest jar of cents home as his reward. Martha Werling won second prize, and John Konave took third. Mr. Konave said his guess of 1039 was his home address.

Chuck Peters, Eric Werling, Cliff Bloom, Earl Parker and Rudy Gjurovich participated in a quiz program. One question of interest to everyone was "What is the difference between death and taxes?" The Earl of Market Street replied that death doesn't become greater every-time Congress meets.

Dick Rinehart and his band provided music during the banquet and for the dance that followed.

Organ music at the Sunday luncheon was played by Antoinette Connell.

Sam Kabealo held auctions Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Interest was high, bidding was spirited and chairs were at a premium.

That's the way it was, forty two years ago!

CONVERSATION OR CONSERVATION ?

THE DESIGNER OF THE CANADIAN TWENTY-FIVE CENT PIECE, THE LATE EMANUEL HAHN, R.C.A., HAD ONE OF THE TWO IN MIND. THE CARIBOU ON THE REVERSE OF THE COIN HAS 2 LITTLE FRIENDS, A SQUIRREL AND A BEAVER—BOTH, LIKE THE CARIBOU ARE PROTECTED MEMBERS OF CANADIAN WILD LIFE.

THE SQUIRREL



THE BEAVER





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Corresponding Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

January 20, 1992 through April 20, 1992

- R-5505 HARRIS, DAVID E. 6780 N. West St. #101, Fresno, CA 93711
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5506 WELDIN, FRANCIS S. P.O. Box 94775, Pasadena, CA 91109
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5507 KOOPMAN, THEODORE P.O. Box 1777, Chula Vista, CA 91911
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- A-5508 KOOPMAN, MARY P.O. Box 1777, Chula Vista, CA 91911
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5509 WENGER, KURT R. 25585 Chrisanta Dr., Mission Viejo, Ca 92691
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5510 BOSSERT, DAVID 25953-C W. Stafford Cyn. Rd.,
Sponsored by Virginia Hall Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381
- R-5511 DOHE, LANCE A. P.O. Box 22223, San Diego, CA 92192-2223
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5512 FUTORAN, R.L. DR.
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5513 WRIGHT, GORDON R.
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5514 COTNER, GLEN A. 4557 N. Sharon Ave., Fresno, CA 93726
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-3315 MARQUIS, L.K..... 1725 W. Carlton Place, Santa Ana, CA 92704
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5516 MATTHEW, HEATH
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5517 WHITE, WILLIAM E. 9696 Big Creek Circle,
Sponsored by Virginia Hall Moreno Valley, CA 92557-1705
- R-5518 SCHORR, RICHARD.....
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5519 VANCEL, EARL J., 633 Broad Ave. #23, Willn, CA 90744
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5520 BATES, WILLIAM H.
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5521 BURLESON, STEVE..... P.O. Box 2150, Anaheim, CA 92804
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5522 MASSEY, GEORGE B. .. 13200 Bromont Ave. #B-1, Sylmar, CA 91342
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5523 BARRIS, JEFF.....
Sponsored by Virginia Hall
- R-5524 LANIER, JOHN T., M.D. . 6036 St. Augustine Dr., Riverside, CA 92506
Sponsored by Virginia Hall

A-5525	HALL, YOKO
	Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5526	HALL, JOHN W.
	Sponsored by Virginia Hall
A-5527	HAUGEN, GLENN
	Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5528	HAUGEN, ELLEN.....
	Sponsored by Virginia Hall
C-5529	NORTHROP COIN CLUB, (Pres.) Harry B. Stasney, 11260 Overland Ave., 20-B, Sponsored by Thomas FitzgeraldCulver City, CA 90230

DECEASED

LIFE-2-4	Coops, Fred W., Jr.
R-3923	Martin, David
R-2548	Neyhart, Richard
R-2614	Wilson, Sam
R-858	Mason, Charles E., M.D.
A-3131	Floto, Sally A.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN-DROP

R-5413	Smith, Adam Ray
R-3263	Berman, Neil S., Inc.

RESIGNED

R-599	Dodson, Rear Admiral O.H. USC (Ret)	C-3054	Fountain Valley Coin Club
R-2121	Sheehan, William F.		

DISBANDED

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Total January 20, 1992	1,020
New Members January 20, 1992 through April 20, 1992	25
Deceased	6
Resigned	2
Address Unknown-Drop	2
Club Disbanded	1
YN Members	36
Membership Total April 20, 1992.....	1,070
Total Life Members 145	

MOVING?

LET US KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

CALCOIN NEWS
P.O. Box 499
Colton, Ca. 92324



NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EFFECTIVE DATE _____

TANAKA INTRODUCES GOLD CALENDAR CARD

A 1992 card-sized calendar containing one gram of gold is good for one year and beyond, because the card can be recycled.

Tanaka Kikinzoku Jewelry K.K. introduced the calendar in December hoping it would sell the novelty item to corporations for year-end gifts and premiums. Instead, consumers, especially younger people, were buying the calendars as personal gifts.

Tanaka's gold calendar can be recycled.

(Tanaka Kikinzoku Jewelry K.K.)

According to Director of Marketing, Soji Nakabayashi, the company had hoped to sell about 1,000 cards, but sales far exceeded that amount. He would not offer a figure, but noted that production in December could not meet demand.

The thin sheet of gold is laminated by plastic and originally sold for 5,760 Yen or about US\$44.31. Prices change daily depending upon the price of gold.

Nakabayashi said Tanaka will buy back used cards at the end of 1992 at the prevailing price of gold. Alternatively, the company offers to exchange the calendar for a piece of equivalently priced jewelry.

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FIRST GOLD BASEBALL CARD

The first gold baseball card featuring the imaginary player "Ken Katcher," and containing one gram of 999.9 pure gold, has just arrived on the field. Promoters hope the cards will be a big hit with sports card collectors and those interested in gold accumulation. The cards are expected to retail for \$65 each for 30 cards annually in four sports: baseball, football, hockey and basketball.

For further information, contact Luis Vigdor at Powell Associates, Inc. (212) 332-8105.

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BODY TEMPERATURE MEASURED WITH GOLD

Body temperature now is being measured with a non-invasive device using gold made by the Intelligent Medical Co. of San Diego, Ca. The thermal energy radiated by the ear drum is directed through a gold-lined pipe which is inserted into the ear cavity in a protective casing. The device depends upon gold to keep any loss in thermal radiation from the ear drum to an absolute minimum, thus providing an accurate measure of the body's temperature.

For further information, contact Gary O'Hara, Intelligent Medical Co. (619) 931-1236.

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BOOK SHELF

A complete and comprehensive new reference book titled "The Early Quarter Dollars of the United States 1796-1838," based on the 1925 work by Ard W. Browning, revised by Walter Breen, with the collaboration of Robert W. Miller, Sr. and a new 1992 commentary by Q. David Bowers was released in April.

While the early quarter dollar series contains many notable rarities, there are dozens of lesser known issues which are eminently collectable today. The possibility of finding a new discovery awaits everyone.

The present edition of the Browning book is very extensively revised and contains the contributions of some of today's foremost numismatists.

The book has 180 pages and includes numerous detailed illustrations. Copies are available in two formats. Quality soft bound for \$19.95, hard bound copies may be ordered for \$29.95 each plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. For further information, contact John Babalis, Bowers and Merena Publications, Box 1224 NR, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

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EXONUMIA PAGE



OBVERSE



REVERSE

CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS

The obverse of their 1992 medal honors the 500th anniversary of Columbus landing in the New World. William J. Grant, then President of COIN, is the designer. The reverse shows the club logo. For further information, contact Albert Hall, Box 1028, Colton, Ca. 92324.



OBVERSE



REVERSE

NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The obverse of their 1992 medal honors the 200th anniversary of the First United States Mint. The NASC Design Committee selected this sketch. The reverse shows the club logo. For further information, contact Albert Hall, Box 1028, Colton, Ca. 92324.

CALENDAR OF NUMISMATIC EVENTS

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- June 25-27, 1993 91st Convention & Coin Show
Golden State Coin Show, CSNA, COIN, NASC, SIN, Pasadena Conv. Ctr.
Gen. Chrm: Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91724
Bourse: Kay Lenker, Box 6909, San Diego, Ca. 92166
- MARCH, 1993 25th Annual Educational Symposium
Days Inn (Formerly Griswold's)
Freeway 91, Raymond Off-Ramp, Fullerton
Dir. of Education: Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina, Ca. 91724

OTHER

- MAY 30-31, 1992 10th Annual Spring Coin Show
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
LaSierra Community Ctr., 5325 Engle Rd., Sacramento
Info: Mitch Glachut, Box 160122, Sacramento, Ca. 95816
- JUNE 13-16, 1992 18th Annual Coin & Stamp Show
Gateway Coin Club
Merced Mall "R" St. & Olive Ave., Merced, Ca.
Info: Bill Jones & Troy Thorsen, Box 3101, Merced, Ca. 95344
- JUNE 21, 1992 32nd Annual Collectible Show
California Exonumist Society, Day's Inn (Formerly Griswold's)
Freeway 91, Raymond Off-Ramp, Fullerton, Ca.
Gen. Chrm: Kay Lenker, Box 6909, San Diego, Ca. 92166
- JULY 11-12, 1992 34th Annual Coinarama
San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council
Scottish Rite Memorial Center, Mission Valley, San Diego, Ca.
Bourse: Kay Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, Ca. 92166
- AUGUST 2, 1992 20th Annual Coin Show
Fremont Coin Club, Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont, Ca.
Bourse: Vince Lacariere, Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
- AUGUST 12-16, 1992 101st Anniversary Convention
American Numismatic Association
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
- SEPTEMBER 20, 1992 3rd Annual Coin/Collectable Show
Fairfield Coin Club
Student Ctr. Bldg. 1400, Solano Comm. College
4000 Susium Valley Rd., Cordelina Off I-80 between Vallejo & Fairfield
Info: Write Box 944, Fairfield, Ca. 94533 or call 707-427-0482
- OCTOBER 11, 1992 25th Annual Coin Show
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Santa Rosa Veterans Mem. Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, Ca.
Bourse: Tim Hulderman, Box 9013, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405
- OCTOBER 25, 1992 33rd Annual Coin-o-rama
West Valley Coin Club
Airtez Plaza Hotel, Concorde Rms II & III
7277 Valjean Ave., Van Nuys, Ca.
Bourse: Paul Borack, 3125 Washington Blvd., Marina Del Rey, Ca. 90292
- JANUARY 3, 1993 30th Annual Coin/Baseball Card Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club
National Orange Show, 689 S. "E" St., Citrus Blvd., San Bernardino, Ca.
Gen. Chrm: Albert K. Hall, Box 1028, Colton, Ca. 92324
Bourse Chrm: Norman Sturgess, Box 1028, Colton, Ca. 92324
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